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# S. 1556

To establish a program to name national and community service projects in honor of victims killed as a result of the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 16, 2001

Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mr. KYL, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. WARNER, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. DAYTON, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. BREAUX, Mrs. CARNAHAN, Mr. NICKLES, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. DORGAN, and Mr. DURBIN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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## A BILL

To establish a program to name national and community service projects in honor of victims killed as a result of the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

### 3   **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Unity in Service to  
5   America Act” or the “USA Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROJECTS HONORING VICTIMS OF TERRORIST AT-**  
 2 **TACKS.**

3 The National and Community Service Act of 1990  
 4 (42 U.S.C. 12501 et seq.) is amended by inserting before  
 5 title V the following:

6 **“TITLE IV—PROJECTS HON-**  
 7 **ORING VICTIMS OF TER-**  
 8 **RORIST ATTACKS**

9 **“SEC. 401. PROJECTS.**

10 “(a) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term ‘Foun-  
 11 dation’ means the Points of Light Foundation funded  
 12 under section 301, or another nonprofit private organiza-  
 13 tion, that enters into an agreement with the Corporation  
 14 to carry out this section.

15 “(b) IDENTIFICATION OF PROJECTS.—

16 “(1) ESTIMATED NUMBER.—Not later than De-  
 17 cember 1, 2001, the Foundation, after obtaining the  
 18 guidance of the heads of appropriate Federal agen-  
 19 cies, such as the Director of the Office of Homeland  
 20 Security and the Attorney General, shall—

21 “(A) make an estimate of the number of  
 22 victims killed as a result of the terrorist attacks  
 23 on September 11, 2001 (referred to in this sec-  
 24 tion as the ‘estimated number’); and

25 “(B) compile a list that specifies, for each  
 26 individual that the Foundation determines to be

1           such a victim, the name of the victim and the  
2           State in which the victim resided.

3           “(2) IDENTIFIED PROJECTS.—The Foundation  
4           shall identify approximately the estimated number of  
5           community-based national and community service  
6           projects that meet the requirements of subsection  
7           (d). The Foundation shall name each identified  
8           project in honor of a victim described in subsection  
9           (b)(1)(A), after obtaining the permission of an ap-  
10          propriate member of the victim’s family and the en-  
11          tity carrying out the project.

12          “(c) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—To be eligible to have a  
13          project named under this section, the entity carrying out  
14          the project shall be a political subdivision of a State, a  
15          business, or a nonprofit organization (which may be a reli-  
16          gious organization, such as a Christian, Jewish, or Muslim  
17          organization).

18          “(d) PROJECTS.—The Foundation shall name, under  
19          this section, projects—

20                 “(1) that advance the goals of unity, and im-  
21                 proving the quality of life in communities; and

22                 “(2) that will be planned, or for which imple-  
23                 mentation will begin, within a reasonable period  
24                 after the date of enactment of the Unity in Service  
25                 to America Act, as determined by the Foundation.

1       “(e) WEBSITE AND DATABASE.—The Foundation  
2 shall create and maintain websites and databases, to de-  
3 scribe projects named under this section and serve as ap-  
4 propriate vehicles for recognizing the projects.”.

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